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AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 15, 2009  
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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 212**

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**Introduced by Senator Florez**

February 23, 2009

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An act to amend ~~Sections 17578 and 17579~~ *Section 17578* of, and to add Section 33134 to, the Education Code, relating to school safety.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 212, as amended, Florez. Pupil health: communicable diseases.

Existing law requires the governing board of each school district maintaining a high school to provide for the annual cleaning, sterilization, and necessary repair of football equipment of their schools and requires that all football equipment actually worn by pupils to be cleaned and sterilized at least once a year.

This bill would authorize the governing board of each school district maintaining a high school to provide for the annual cleaning and sterilization of wrestling equipment ~~and would specify that wrestling equipment used multiple years may be cleaned and sterilized as specified~~ by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education. The Superintendent and state board would be required to develop and approve, respectively, information and guidelines on the prevention of communicable diseases at schoolsites. The information and guidelines would be required to address, at a minimum, the maintenance of locker rooms, athletic equipment, and synthetic ground covers used for athletic fields and ways to minimize the spread of methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* and meningococcal disease.

The Superintendent would be required to post the information and guidelines on the department's Internet Web site.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 17578 of the Education Code is amended  
2 to read:

3 17578. The governing board of each district maintaining a high  
4 school shall provide for the annual cleaning, sterilizing, and  
5 necessary repair of football equipment of their respective schools  
6 pursuant to Sections 17579 and 17580 and may provide for the  
7 annual cleaning and sterilizing of wrestling equipment, *as specified*  
8 *by the Superintendent and the state board pursuant to Section*  
9 *33134.*

10 ~~SEC. 2. Section 17579 of the Education Code is amended to~~  
11 ~~read:~~

12 ~~17579. (a) All football equipment actually worn by pupils~~  
13 ~~shall be cleaned and sterilized at least once a year. Football~~  
14 ~~equipment used in spring training shall be cleaned and sterilized~~  
15 ~~before it is used in the succeeding fall term.~~

16 ~~(b) Wrestling equipment used multiple years may be cleaned~~  
17 ~~and sterilized as specified by the Superintendent and the state board~~  
18 ~~pursuant to Section 33134.~~

19 ~~SEC. 3.~~

20 SEC. 2. Section 33134 is added to the Education Code, to read:

21 33134. The Superintendent shall develop information and  
22 guidelines regarding the prevention of communicable diseases at  
23 schoolsites and submit the information and guidelines to the state  
24 board for its approval. The information and guidelines, at a  
25 minimum, shall address the maintenance of locker rooms, athletic  
26 equipment, and synthetic ground covers used for athletic fields  
27 and ways to minimize the spread of methicillin resistant  
28 Staphylococcus aureus and meningococcal disease. The  
29 Superintendent shall post the approved guidelines on the  
30 department's Internet Web site.

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